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undue burden to examine the polypeptide and antibody claims together aside from references to different classifications and assertions of being able to use the claimed products in different processes and *vice versa*.

Applicants submit that it would not be a serious burden, upon searching the claimed polypeptides, to search the antibodies that bind those polypeptides well. The searches for polypeptides and antibodies against said polypeptides would clearly be overlapping.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the remarks above be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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